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Preliminary 1941 Log Prices in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region

The figures on log prices for 1941 presented herewith were compiled from reports solicited by the Forest Service in cooperation with the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce. The figures given are preliminary. Final figures, by States, will appear in the next annual "Stumpage and Log Price" bulletin which is now being compiled by Henry B. Steer of the Division of Forest Economics, United States Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

The transactions for 1941 listed in the accompanying table amount to 268,513,000 feet log scale with a value of $3,158,346. The greatest share of the transactions were reported from the "Northeastern Washington" and the "St. Maries - Coeur d'Alene" districts. Total transactions in these two districts amounted to 166,178,000 feet (62 percent of the total) with a value of $1,994,893 (63 percent of the total). Prices paid in these districts were usually higher than in others, which correlates with the known fact that competition for timber in these two districts is keener than elsewhere in the region.

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PRELIMINARY 1941 LOG PRICES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

(Per M feet log scale)

	District							All districts
	Northeastern Washington	St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene	Sandpoint	Clearwater	Kalispell	Missoula-Butte	Eastern Montana	
Western (Idaho) White Pine								
Quantity (M feet)..	1,214	32,800	7,464	338	1,355	492	None	43,663
Total value.....	$22,279	$569,165	$146,901	$4,910	$24,052	$4,797		$772,104
Av. price per M....	$18.35	$17.35	$19.68	$14.53	$17.75	$9.75		$17.68
Price range.....	$15.50-22.00	$10.75-22.25	$8.00-22.00	$7.00-20.00	$16.00-19.00	-		$7.00-22.25
Ponderosa Pine								
Quantity (M feet)..	25,051	22,537	10,615	1,939	6,519	17,020	695	84,376
Total value.....	$262,381	$256,413	$120,873	$16,456	$68,586	$162,989	$8,360	$896,058
Av. price per M....	$10.47	$11.38	$11.39	$8.49	$10.52	$9.58	$12.03	$10.62
Price range.....	$6.00-12.00	$9.00-16.75	$10.00-17.00	$7.50-10.00	$7.00-13.40	$7.00-12.00	$9.00-17.50	$6.00-17.50
Lodgepole Pine								
Quantity (M feet)..	None	None	None	None	17	142	350	509
Total value.....					$149	$2,485	$4,150	$6,784
Av. price per M....					$8.76	$17.50	$11.86	$13.33
Price range.....					$8.50-10.00	-	$11.00-13.00	$8.50-17.50
Western Larch								
Quantity (M feet)..	4,860	16,146	1,228	170	9,147	3,829	150	35,530
Total value.....	$43,074	$186,427	$11,105	$1,446	$78,872	$50,356	$2,370	$373,650
Av. price per M....	$8.86	$11.55	$9.04	$8.51	$8.62	$13.15	$15.80	$10.52
Price range.....	$6.75-11.00	$6.00-13.75	$7.00-10.50	$8.00-9.00	$7.50-11.25	$9.00-17.00	$15.00-16.75	$6.00-17.00
Douglas-fir								
Quantity (M feet)..	9,780	15,823	1,297	543	7,901	2,409	933	38,686
Total value.....	$99,494	$186,292	$12,191	$4,481	$67,604	$36,615	$11,007	$417,684
Av. price per M....	$10.17	$11.77	$9.40	$8.25	$8.56	$15.20	$11.80	$10.80
Price range.....	$6.75-14.00	$6.00-13.75	$7.00-10.50	$7.00-8.50	$7.50-11.25	$7.00-17.00	$9.00-24.00	$6.00-24.00
Engelmann Spruce								
Quantity (M feet)..	None	2,969	366	None	3,994	None	None	7,329
Total value.....		$29,697	$4,434		$37,895			$72,026
Av. price per M....		$10.00	$12.11		$9.49			$9.83
Price range.....		$9.00-11.00	$10.50-12.50		$8.50-11.00			$8.50-12.50
Western Hemlock								
Quantity (M feet)..	None	6,590	225	None	None	None	None	6,815
Total value.....		$65,894	$1,913					$67,807
Av. price per M....		$10.00	$8.50					$9.95
Price range.....		$8.50-10.00	-					$8.50-10.00
Grand (White) Fir								
Quantity (M feet)..	250	10,806	225	550	None	95	None	11,926
Total value.....	$2,625	$106,033	$1,913	$4,425		$808		$115,804
Av. price per M....	$10.50	$9.81	$8.50	$8.05		$8.51		$9.71
Price range.....	-	$8.00-12.50	-	$7.50-9.00		-		$7.50-12.50
Western Redcedar								
Quantity (M feet)..	None	1,874	3,844	200	1,080	None	None	6,998
Total value.....		$22,595	$42,915	$2,000	$11,960			$79,470
Av. price per M....		$12.06	$11.16	$10.00	$11.07			$11.36
Price range.....		$9.00-14.00	$9.00-14.00	-	$11.00-12.00			$9.00-14.00
Cottonwood								
Quantity (M feet)..	None	1,123	None	None	None	None	None	1,123
Total value.....		$11,230						$11,230
Av. price per M....		$10.00						$10.00
Price range.....		-						-
Miscellaneous Sales Unsegregated by Species								
Quantity (M feet)..	2,055	12,300	1,587	1,262	None	13,547	807	31,558
Total value.....	$17,460	$113,834	$13,899	$10,070		$180,655	$9,811	$345,729
Av. price per M....	$8.50	$9.25	$8.76	$7.98		$13.34	$12.16	$10.94
Price range.....	-	$7.50-12.00	$8.75-9.00	$7.00-10.00		$8.50-14.00	$9.00-15.00	$7.00-15.00
Summary of All Transactions								
Quantity (M feet)..	43,210	122,968	26,851	5,002	30,013	37,534	2,935	268,513
Total value.....	$447,313	$1,547,580	$356,144	$43,788	$289,118	$438,705	$35,698	$3,158,346
Av. price per M....	$10.35	$12.59	$13.26	$8.75	$9.63	$11.69	$12.16	$11.76
Price range.....	$6.00-22.00	$6.00-22.25	$7.00-22.00	$7.00-20.00	$7.00-19.00	$7.00-17.50	$9.00-24.00	$6.00-24.00

The Northeastern Washington district includes Stevens, Spokane, and Pend Oreille Counties in Washington. The St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene district includes Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties in Idaho. The Sandpoint district includes Boundary and Bonner Counties in Idaho. The Clearwater district includes the remainder of Idaho which lies north of the Salmon River. The Kalispell district includes Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln Counties in Montana. The Missoula-Butte district includes Sanders, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Granite, Ravalli, Deer Lodge, Lewis and Clark, and Silver Bow Counties in Montana. The Eastern Montana district includes the remainder of Montana.